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FAA FOR CIV AVN SECURITY ACS-1 FROM KOROLCHUK

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SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY SURVEYS

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1. AIRPORT SECURITY SURVEYS COMPLETED AT KARACHI, RAWALPINDI, AND LAHORE, PAKISTAN DURING PERIOD APRIL 1-13. IN ADDITION, THIRTEEN TECHNICAL SECURITY SEMINARS WERE HELD FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED KEY PERSONNEL. THE GROUP INCLUDE SENIOR AIRPORT SECURITY FORCE (ASF), SKY MARSHAL, CUSTOMS, FLIGHT DECK, CABIN CREW, AND OTHER SENIOR PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE AND TRAINING PERSONNEL.

2. AIRPORT SECURITY SURVEYS ASCERTAINED A STANDARD OPERATING PROGRAM (ASF) HAS BEEN WRITTEN, AIRPORT OPERATING COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED AND MEETS QUARTERLY; AN IDENTIFICATION
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BADGE PROGRAM IN BEING, HOWEVER NO EFFECTIVE CHALLENGE SYSTEM IS USED; BASIC ID CARD SYSTEM FUNCTIONAL; CONTROL OF ACCESS TO AIR OPERATIONS AREA ACCEPTABLE WHERE GUARDS ARE POSTED. PERIMETER BARRIERS HAVE BREACHES AND ARE IN NEED OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AT EXTENSIVE OPENINGS (ISLAMABAD) /REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT. BASIC PERIMETER BARRIER IS OF Y FOOT BARBED WIRE CONSTRUCTION. PASSENGER SCREENING

IS THE WEAKEST LINK SINCE METAL DETECTORS USED TO INDICATE CARRIAGE OF METAL. ALL PASSENGERS UNDERGO FRISK, HOWEVER SEARCHES WERE NOT 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE, THEREFORE ADDITIONAL TRAINING NEEDED. ONE MAJOR SLOW DOWN WAS AMOUNT OF CARRY ON PERMITTED; HOWEVER ASF COMMANDER INITIATED ONE CARRY ON BAG PER PASSENGER AND WAS ENFORCING THE RULE AT THE TIME OF THE VISIT. NO OPERATIONAL XRAY IN COUNTRY, HOWEVER ONE NON-OPERATING RAPIDEX UNIT AT KARACHI; TWO OF THE THREE RAPIDEX WALK THROUGH METAL DETECTORS OPERATING PROPERLY; ALL HAND-HELD UNITS NEED REPAIR.

3. ALL PAKISTANI OFFICIALS INCLUDING DGCA, ASF COMMANDER, HIS STAFF, AND PIA OFFICIALS PLEASED WITH UNITED STATES RESPONSIVENESS AND PROGRAM. IN PARTICULAR, THE TECHNICAL AVIATION SECURITY SEMINARS. THEY REQUESTED ADDITIONAL ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE FUTURE. A SEPARATE REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS REF ASF PERSONNEL ATTENDING FAA TRAINING AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

4. LAHORE SURVEY ACCOMPLISHED PER IN COUNTRY REQUEST MADE BY PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT (DGCA/ASF COMMANDER).

5. DON HORLACHER DEPARTED KARACHI APRIL 12 PER PREVIOUS ITINERARY.

6. INSPECTION OF BOMBAY AIRPORT DISCLOSED QUALITY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEARCH RANGES FROM FAIR TO SUBSTANDARD; INTERNATIONAL PASSENGERS SUBJECTED TO A MINIMAL BODY SEARCH. ALL PASSENGERS UNDERGO SAME TYPE SEARCH; WALK THROUGH METAL DETECTOR, OF LOCAL MANUFACTURE APPEARS TO WORK; CARRY ON BAGGAGE UNDERGOES PERFUNCTORY SEARCH; ALTHOUGH AN ID SYSTEM IS IN EFFECT MANY PERSONS OBSERVED AIRSIDE NOT WEARING THEM. INDIAN POLICE OFFICIALS WOULD NOT PERMIT A TRIP AROUND THE AIRPORT PERIMETER BARRIER WITHOUT PRIOR DELHI APPROVAL. THEREFORE, PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES UNKNOWN. POLICE INDICATE GUARDS AND ROVING PATROLS USED AROUND PERIMETER AND AT GATES. THEY ALSO ALLEGE A 10 FOOT FENCE IS IN PLACE AND INTACT.

7. IATA SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULED TO INSPECT BOMBAY AIRPORT 17-23 APRIL.

8. PAA REP STATED PLANNED STARTUP DATE FOR BOMBAY SERVICE IS JULY 3, 1978.

9. WILL DEPART NAIROBI ON SCHEDULE.
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